

ClaimsWhat is claimed is:

1    1. In a World Wide Web (Web) network system including a  
2    plurality of computer controlled display Web stations for  
3    receiving Web pages transmitted over the Web, a system  
4    for directing users having different reading skills  
5    through a reading of a Web page received at a Web station  
6    comprising:

7                means for transmitting a Web page in a plurality of  
8    selectable readable modes; and

9                at least one of said readable modes including a  
10   movable indicator directing the user to read along the  
11   Web page in a predetermined orthogonal progressive  
12   pattern.

1    2. The Web network system of claim 1 wherein said  
2    indicator is an element highlighting a sequential block  
3    of data.

1    3. The Web network system of claim 2 wherein said  
2    highlighted block of data is brighter than the other data  
3    on the Web page.

1    4. The Web network system of claim 2 wherein said  
2    highlighted block of data has a color different from the  
3    color of the other data on the Web page.

- 1   5. The Web network system of claim 2 wherein:  
2       the Web page is transmitted over the Web in a markup  
3       language comprising control tags enabling the Web page to  
4       be selectively read in said moving indicator mode; and  
5       further comprising means at said receiving Web  
6       station for selectively reading said received Web page in  
7       said moving indicator mode.
- 1   6. The Web network system of claim 2 further including  
2       means for selectively varying the dimensions of said  
3       indicator element.
- 1   7. The Web network system of claim 2 further including  
2       means for selectively varying the speed at which the  
3       indicator element progressively moves along said page.
- 1   8. The Web network system of claim 2 further including  
2       means for selectively increasing the size of the data in  
3       said block relative to the remainder of data on said Web  
4       page.
- 1   9. The Web network system of claim 4 further including a  
2       plurality of said movable indicators wherein each of the  
3       highlighted blocks of data within each of said plurality  
4       of indicators has a color respectively different from the  
5       blocks of data within the other indicators.
- 1   10. The Web network system of claim 5 wherein said means  
2       at said receiving Web station for reading said Web page  
3       includes a Web browser.
- 1   11. The Web network system of claim 10 wherein said Web  
2       page is transmitted in Hypertext Markup Language.

1    12. The Web network system of claim 11 wherein:  
2        said Web page includes text; and  
3        said highlighted block of text is a grammatical  
4        unit.

1       13. In a Web network system including a plurality of  
2 computer controlled display Web stations for receiving  
3 Web pages transmitted over the Web, a method for  
4 directing users having different reading skills through a  
5 reading of a Web page received at a Web station  
6 comprising:

7              transmitting a Web page in a plurality of selectable  
8 readable modes; and

9              in at least one of said readable modes, enabling a  
10 movable indicator directing the user to read along the  
11 Web page in a predetermined orthogonal progressive  
12 pattern.

1       14. The method of claim 13 wherein said indicator is an  
2 element highlighting a sequential block of data.

1       15. The method of claim 14 wherein said highlighted  
2 block of data is made brighter than the other data on the  
3 Web page.

1       16. The method of claim 14 wherein said highlighted  
2 block of data is given a color different from the color  
3 of the other data on the Web page.

1       17. The method of claim 14 including the steps of:  
2              transmitting the Web page over the Web in a markup  
3 language comprising control tags enabling the Web page to  
4 be selectively read in said moving indicator mode; and  
5              selectively reading said received Web page in said  
6 moving indicator mode at said receiving Web station.

1 18. The method of claim 14 further including the step of  
2 selectively varying the dimensions of said indicator  
3 element.

1 19. The method of claim 14 further including the step of  
2 selectively varying the speed at which the indicator  
3 element progressively moves along said page.

1 20. The method of claim 14 further including the step of  
2 selectively increasing the size of the data in said block  
3 relative to the remainder of data on said Web page.

1 21. The method of claim 16 including the steps of:  
2 enabling a plurality of said movable indicators; and  
3 giving each of the highlighted blocks of data within  
4 each of said plurality of indicators a color respectively  
5 different from the blocks of data within the other  
6 indicators.

1 22. The method of claim 17 further including a Web  
2 browser process at said receiving Web station for reading  
3 said Web page.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein said Web page is  
2 transmitted in Hypertext Markup Language.

1 24. The method of claim 23 wherein:  
2 said Web page includes text; and  
3 said highlighted block of text is a grammatical  
4 unit.

1       25. A computer program having code recorded on a  
2 computer readable medium for directing users having  
3 different reading skills through a reading of a Web page  
4 received at a Web computer controlled display station  
5 comprising:

6           means for transmitting a Web page from a source on  
7 the Web in a plurality of selectable readable modes; and  
8           at least one of said readable modes including a  
9 movable indicator directing the user to read along the  
10 Web page in a predetermined orthogonal progressive  
11 pattern.

1       26. The computer program of claim 25 wherein said  
2 indicator is an element highlighting a sequential block  
3 of data.

1       27. The computer program of claim 26 wherein said  
2 highlighted block of data is brighter than the other data  
3 on the Web page.

1       28. The computer program of claim 26 wherein said  
2 highlighted block of data has a color different from the  
3 color of the other data on the Web page.

1       29. The computer program of claim 26 wherein:  
2           the Web page is transmitted over the Web in a markup  
3 language comprising control tags enabling the Web page to  
4 be selectively read in said moving indicator mode; and  
5           further comprising means at said receiving Web  
6 station for selectively reading said received Web page in  
7 said moving indicator mode.

1 30. The computer program of claim 26 further including  
2 means for selectively varying the dimensions of said  
3 indicator element.

1 31. The computer program of claim 26 further including  
2 means for selectively varying the speed at which the  
3 indicator element progressively moves along said page.

1 32. The computer program of claim 26 further including  
2 means for selectively increasing the size of the data in  
3 said block relative to the remainder of data on said Web  
4 page.

1 33. The computer program of claim 28 further including a  
2 plurality of said movable indicators wherein each of the  
3 highlighted blocks of data within each of said plurality  
4 of indicators has a color respectively different from the  
5 blocks of data within the other indicators.

1 34. The computer program of claim 29 wherein said means  
2 at said receiving Web station for reading said Web page  
3 include a Web browser program.

1 35. The computer program of claim 34 wherein said Web  
2 page is transmitted in Hypertext Markup Language.

1 36. The computer program of claim 35 wherein:  
2       said Web page includes text; and  
3       said highlighted block of text is a grammatical  
4       unit.